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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BONGO'S VISIT TO U.S.

REF: A) LIBREVILLE 1772; B) LIBREVILLE 1773

1. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH MEMBER OF BONGO'S
PARTY (WE SUGGEST FONMIN MARTIN BONGO) AT EARLIEST OPPOR-
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TUNITY TO DISCUSS POINTS, RE VISIT, OUTLINED BELOW.

2. OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCE: OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE GRANTED. LANDING CLEARANCE GRANTED FOR DULLES AND LOS ANGELES (WE ARE STILL WORKING ON NEW YORK). PILOT SHOULD BE TOLD TO OPERATE AIRCRAFT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 91 OF U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS, OF WHICH HE PRESUMABLY AWARE.

3. TO COORDINATE AIRPORT ARRANGEMENTS, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT COMPANY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO ACT AS HANDLING AGENT (FOR PARKING, REFUELING, CATERING, ETC.) AT EACH AIRPORT. ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHETHER PILOT INTENDS LAND AT JFK OR LAGUARDIA IN NEW YORK.

4. SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION IS BEING ARRANGED. BONGO PARTY SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT THIS ENTAILS. ONE RPT ONE

LIMOUSINE PROVIDED BY SECRET SERVICE AT EACH LOCATION. EXTRA LIMOUSINES AND BAGGAGE VEHICLES MUST BE HIRED SEPARATELY AT GROUP'S EXPENSE. SECRET SERVICE NEEDS SIX SPACES ON BOARD LOS ANGELES - NEW YORK FLIGHT AND WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THESE AVAILABLE.

5. HOTEL AND PRIVATE TRANSPORT BEING ARRANGED BY GABON MISSION TO UN AND BY GABON EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN COOPERATION WITH STATE DEPARTMENT. THEY WILL, OF COURSE, BE AT GROUP'S EXPENSE.

6. MEETING AND GREETING: A) HIGH-LEVEL DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL (FYI - ACTING ASST. SECY. SEELYE) WOULD LIKE TO GREET BONGO AT DULLES ON SEPT 11. DOES HE WISH TO DISEMBARK AIRCRAFT OR STAY ABOARD? (B) IN NEW YORK, WE ARE PLANNING ON CALLS BY DEPT AND USUN OFFICIALS. ASSUME THIS AGREEABLE TO BONGO. (C) IN LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK, WE ARE ARRANGING CALLS BY SMALL NUMBER OF SELECTED HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS LEADERS. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THIS TOO IS ACCEPTABLE.

7. BERNICE BEHRENS, DIRECTOR OF STATE DEPT RECEPTION CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO (AND OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF BONGOS) CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES ON AFTERNOON SEPT 15 TO BE WITH GROUP. SHE IS ARRANGING PENTHOUSE SUITE AT BONGOS FAVORITE HOTEL, CENTURY PLAZA, IN LOSANGELES.

8. WOULD GREATLY ASSIST US IN OUR PLANNING IF WE COULD HAVE COMPLETE LIST OF BONGO PARTY AND INFORMATION ON ANY LAST-MINUTE CHANGES IN ITINERARY. KISSINGER

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